

Maldives And Indian Ocean Answer Key

1. It consists of many small coral islands that are only a few feet above sea level.
2. The ocean supports fishing and tourism, both of which provide food, jobs, and income.
3. Rising sea levels and warming waters that can damage coral reefs.
4. Coral reefs protect coastlines and support marine life that benefits fishing and tourism.
5. Cooperation can help with scientific research, financial support, and strategies for sustainability.
6. Answers will vary, but should reference flooding, coral damage, or sea level rise.
7. The Maldives relies on the ocean for food, jobs, protection from reefs, and tourism.

Teacher's Guide

- Helps students practice reading nonfiction case studies in a geographic context.
- Useful for whole class reading, small group analysis, or independent practice.
- Supports discussion of human environment interaction and regional characteristics.

Differentiation Tips

- Allow struggling readers to annotate the passage with key words such as **reef**, **tourism**, **sea level**, and **fishing**.
- Provide sentence starters for extended response questions.
- Offer oral response options for emerging writers.

Engagement Ideas

- Have students compare the Maldives to another Indian Ocean nation.
- Start a debate on which environmental issue should receive the most global attention.